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DECRY THEFTS OF STATE PROPERTY

A number of thefts of state property have been noted in Durres Rreth (dis-
 trict). In the Durres buying and selling cooperative bookkeeper Khavit Katroshti
 in a short period of time was able to pocket 80,000 leks because the head of
 the Union of Cooperatives had permitted Katroshti to operate without keeping
 records.

Various directors of cooperatives have tolerated thieves on their staffs.
 Qazim Karadeja, at the Mamina cooperative, Uran Meco at the Port cooperative,
 and Shaban Mezini at the Rogozhine cooperative took advantage of their positions
 as warehousemen to steal state property.

Members of the Shijak grain-collection unit which is headed by Taqo Katru,
 with Qerim Ziun as their ringleader, stole more than 1,000 quintals of grain.
 The people's court of Shijak meted out justice to these criminals.

One main reason for irregularities in the handling of state property is
 the arbitrary disregard of government rules and regulations manifested by cer-
 tain cooperative directors in Durres Rreth. For example, the Durres railroad
 station officially instructed various enterprises in that city, contrary to
 every financial regulation, to give its railroad officials blank checks upon
 the delivery of goods, so that the station could fill these out as in the man-
 ner in which it saw fit.

The working masses are not entirely unaware of these abuses, as is evi-
 denced by the number of denunciations made by them to the courts. It was, for
 instance, the workers of Shijak themselves who detected and denounced the thefts
 perpetrated by Qerim Ziun and his accomplices in the grain-collection unit.

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Negligence, faulty organization, and nonobservance of laws and regulations permit the enemies of the working class to exercise their banal influence. Party and governmental organizations must imbue the masses with a genuine love and respect for state property. Attorneys and judges must likewise do their part in detecting and denouncing thefts of state property.

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